

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an alarming example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This clearly illustrates how corporate interests are able to suffocate substantive journalism. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line, and less of what we need for our communities. It is a disservice to the American people, and a blow to the democratic ideals we all embrace.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.